(c) Some of the initiatives taken by Indian auto tyres and tubes companies include, opening of overseas offices, production arrangements with overseas companies, participation in trade fairs, etc. Through Capexil, an autonomous Export Promotion Council, set up by the Ministry of Commerce, the Government has been implementing the following export promotion activities under Marketing Development Assistance (MDA) programme :–

(i) Grant of financial assistance to exporters to travel abroad for sales cum study tours and for participation in international fairs.

(ii) Grant of financial assistance for taking delegations for Buyer-Seller Meets. Under the Market Access Initiative (MAI) Scheme the Government has been assisting Capexil to conduct market study and follow-up activities to promote the exports of auto tyres.

(iii) Buyer-Seller Meets were held under "Focus : Africa" and "Focus: Latin American Countries" initiatives and in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Role of small and medium industries in the economy

†*609. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI :
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the small and medium scale industries play an important role in the development of the economy of the country;

(b) if so, the average share of the above industries to GDP assessed in Japan, America, England, France, China, etc. *vis-a-vis* Gross Domestic Products; and

(c) the average share of the above industries to GDP in India and the percentage of total number of workers engaged in this sector in the country and also in Japan, America, France, England and China?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY) : (a) In India the classification of industries as small and medium is not followed. Industries are classified as small scale and non-small scale industries in which medium are clubbed with large industries.

Small Scale Industries (SSIS) do play a vital role in the development of the economy in terms of their contribution to Gross Domestic Product (GDP), exports and employment. SSI units supply a wide range of products, help in wider regional

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distribution of income and are emerging as outsourcing destination for larger industries units.

(b) and (c) the average share in GDP and employment of SSI units in India and of Small and Medium Enterprises in Japan, America, United Kingdom, France and China is given below :–

Country	Share in Employment	Share in GDP
India*	66.8% of total employment in the organised sector in 2000-01	About 40% of gross value of output in the manufacturing sector and 6.7% of GDP
United Kingdom @	44-66%	Under 40% of manufacturing output.
United States of America @	50.3%	40% of total economic activity
China@	73%	60% of industrial gross output
Japan @	72% of manufacturing sector	52% of manufacturing output
France **	46.7%	39% of total output

* Small Scale Industries only. *Source* : DCSSI.

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**As per World Development Report 2002 for the year 1990.

Ambulances in PHCs

†*612. PROF. R.B.S VARMA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the percentage of PHCs in U. P., Bihar, Jharkhand, M. P. Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan provided with ambulances; and

(b) by when all the PHCs of the said States are likely to be provided with ambulances alongwith details thereof, State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) : (a) and (b) In September, 1998, under a Project Agreement between Government of India (GoI) and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), a project for supply of ambulances to Post Partum Centres (PPCs) was undertaken for a duration of one year, with a total contribution of US $ 2.65

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